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RE: PROCTER & GAMBLE

Mr. Friedman:

One function of the FDA is to require *appropriate testing* of pharmaceuticals and other products to ensure relative safety by human consumption or use. That's fine. The paradox arises when the FDA continues to demand cruel and obsolete animal tests on products, primarily household products, instead of allowing in vitro testing which achieves the same end result. Procter & Gamble continues to be the icon when it comes to unnecessary torture and abuse of millions of laboratory animals. Why can't Tide, Bounce, Dawn, Bold, Pantene, etc. be tested in vitro?

Can you offer any comment on the apparent reluctance of the FDA (and Procter & Gamble) to use common sense in this regard?

Respectfully,



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